

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 2 are active in this application. A substitute Abstract is provided to correct the item noted by the Examiner on page 2 of the Office Action.

No new matter is added.

The rejection of Claims 1 and 2 under 35 USC 102(a) in view of the Arai publication is respectfully traversed.

The publication date of the Arai article is October 2003. The present application claims priority to JP 2002-328482 filed November 12, 2002. To perfect priority to this Japanese patent application, Applicants attach a certified English translation of the same. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Office recognize the claimed priority and when doing so withdraw the rejection.

Applicants also request a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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